

PROOF OF CLAIM

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Vailey Safety Equipment

128 E. Water St. PO Box 258
Piqua, Ohio 45356
Phone 937-773-3997

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
05/13/2000	11545

BILL TO

Stage of Sidney
2290 W Michigan
Sidney, OH 45365

SHIP TO

#484

P.O. NO.	TERMS	WORK ORDER #	P.O. NO.
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Net 15 Days

685

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
1	hydrotest fire extinguisher	12.00	12.00T
1	350 10# dry chem ext recharged	9.00	9.00T
1	b10 NFPA service collar	1.00	1.00T
1	b39 o ring installed	2.00	2.00T
8	fire extinguishers serviced	3.00	24.00
1	trip charge	10.00	10.00
1	GOVERNMENT HAZMAT Compliance	3.95	3.95
	FOR HAZMAT TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY		
	INFORMATION CONTACT CHEM-TEL INC.		
	1-800-255-3924		
	Ohio Sales Tax	6.00%	1.44

Total	\$63.39
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Valley Safety Equipment

128 E. Water St. PO Box 258
Piqua, Ohio 45356
Phone 937-773-3997

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
05/07/2000	11515

BILL TO

Stage of Troy
Troy Town Center
Troy, OH 45373

SHIP TO

#477

P.O. NO.	TERMS	WORK ORDER #	P.O. NO.
	Net 15 Days	677	

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
9	fire extinguishers serviced	3.00	27.00
1	trip charge	10.00	10.00
1	GOVERNMENT HAZMAT Compliance FOR HAZMAT TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY INFORMATION CONTACT CHEM-TEL INC. 1-800-255-3924	3.95	3.95
	Ohio Sales Tax	6.00%	0.00

Total	\$40.95
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Southern District of Texas

Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines

A chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning each of the debtor corporations listed below was filed on June 1, 2000

You may be a creditor of one or more of the debtor(s). This notice lists important deadlines. You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the cases may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below.

NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

See Reverse Side For Important Explanations.

Debtor (name(s), case numbers and address):

Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corp.; Case No. 00-35078-H2-11
 Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corp.; Case No. 00-35079-H2-11
 Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Dallas corp.; Case No. 00-35080-H2-11
 10210 Main Street
 Houston, TX 77025-5229
Toll Free Number: 1-800-804-2013 (for case information)

Jointly Administered Under
 Case Number 00-35078-H2-11

Taxpayer ID Nos:

76-0407711 (Stage Stores, Inc.)
 74-0821900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc.)
 91-1826900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV))

Attorney for Debtors (name and address):

Andrew E. Jillson, Esq.
 Lynnette R. Warman, Esq.
 Jenkins & Gilchrist, a Professional corporation
 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200
 Dallas, TX 75202-2799

Attorneys for Debtors Telephone Number:

Toll Free 1-877-559-9672

Information may also be obtained from the following website:

Website address: www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com

Meeting of Creditors

Date: 7 / 11 / 00 Time: 2:00 () A.M.
 (X) P.M.

Location: U.S. Courthouse
 Jury Assembly Room
 515 Rusk, 6th Floor
 Houston, Texas 77002

Deadlines to File a Proof of Claim

Proofs of Claim must be received by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

For all creditors (except a governmental unit): 10/9/00

For a governmental unit: 11/28/00

Mail claim to: U.S. Bankruptcy Court
P.O. Box 61288
Houston, TX 77208

Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:

The filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.

Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office:

515 Rusk Avenue
 1st Floor
 Houston, Texas 77002
 Telephone number: 713/250-5115

For the Court:

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:

Michael N. Milby, Clerk

Hours Open: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Date: